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but still far above the 3.7 percent unemployment rate for white Americans. In April, the black unemployment rate was 7.7 percent.

The jobless rate for teen-agers, meanwhile, dipped to 12.6 percent while the rate for adult women fell to 3.6 percent, both 30-year lows.

"Combined with the continued strong overall economic growth, low long-term inflation and continued rising wages, we are widening the circle of opportunity for more Americans," President Clinton said.

The 4.2 percent jobless rate in May matched March's level and was 0.1 percentage point below April's. Before that, unemployment last touched 4.2 percent in February 1970.

Economists agree that the record length of the expansion, now in its ninth year, and its accompanying tight labor market help spread prosperity to groups that have traditionally had higher unemployment rates than white males.

"Economic prosperity and low unemployment are a boon to those groups who have been faring the worst in the job market," said Bill Cheney, chief economist for John Hancock in Boston. "When the unemployment rate goes down, employers break old barriers and get more creative in their hiring and training."

Labor Secretary Alexis Herman said the strong economy, coupled with an increase in the minimum wage and an earned income tax credit, are "making work more attractive. And as we do that, we have more of a magnet, if you will."

Some employment gains for women, she said, can be attributed to women moving off welfare and into the work force.

Analysts offered mixed views on whether May's tiny 11,000 jobs-creation performance really signified a slowdown in the nation's economic growth or was a statistical fluke.

Financial markets, which had grown increasingly jittery over worries that too-rapid growth would prompt the Federal Reserve to boost interest rates, took heart from Friday's report.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 10,799.84, up 136.15 points.

The report "indicates that the economy remains on a path of solid, noninflationary growth," said Janet Yellen, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Instead of showing a decrease in jobs demand, the small gain in payroll jobs could reflect that employers are having trouble finding qualified people in the tight labor market, some analysts said.

Others noted that while May's jobs increase was tiny, the April figure had been revised up sharply.

The Labor Department also said that average hourly earnings, a closely watched indicator for inflation, rose by 3.6 percent in May compared to a year ago, just a slight move upward from the previous month.

Private economists remained split on whether the new employment information would make it more or less likely that the central bank's Federal Open Market Committee at its next meeting on June 29-30 will start raising interest rates to slow the economy and keep inflation under control.

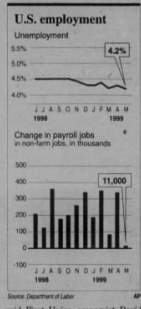
"This report should not dissuade the Fed from tightening at the June 30 meeting, despite the soft headline report of just 11,000 new jobs," said First Union economist David Orr.

But Merrill Lynch's Bruce Steinberg disagreed.

"The weak 11,000 jobs figure "should be sufficient to keep the Fed on hold" at the June 30 meeting.

"Before today, a tightening was almost considered to be a done deal. Now there is a little more doubt," said economist Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors.

Still, he believes odds favor a June 30 rate increase.



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White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Russia's participation in a peacekeeping force remained an "open question."

"(But) we are confident that we can work with them constructively and they can participate," he added.

Generals from NATO, Russia and Yugoslavia were expected to meet face-to-face Saturday to discuss a Serb withdrawal from the disputed province — the key step before NATO will stop the bombing campaign.

"If Serbia cooperates, the bombing could be halted by the end of the weekend or very early next week," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon told reporters. He warned, however, that if the Serbs hesitate in accepting NATO's terms, the bombing could continue many more days.

British Lt. Gen. Michael Jackson, commander of 15,000 NATO troops already in Macedonia, will represent the NATO side. There will also be representatives from Russia and Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari, the EU envoy who persuaded the Yugoslavs to accept the peace deal.

The peace plan approved Thursday in Belgrade suggests that Yugoslav forces could be out of Kosovo within about seven days. Belgrade is expected to demand assurances from NATO that convoys will not be attacked as they depart the southern Serb province.

President Clinton said he was encouraged by Belgrade's acceptance of the international peace plan. He repeated, however, that the bombing would continue until "we have evidence that there is a real withdrawal."

"Believe me, I'm anxious to end the bombing but I want to know that our objectives have been achieved," the president said.

French President Jacques Chirac said NATO leaders had agreed to focus attacks on "only strict military targets," until a verifiable Yugoslav troop withdrawal begins. Chirac, speaking at the end of a two-day European Union summit in Cologne, Germany, said the 15 European leaders were "unanimous" in agreeing that NATO should modify its targets.

"Our American friends" concurred, he said.

NATO has always maintained that it attacks only military targets, but its target list has included bridges, factories and communications facilities that serve both military and civilian purposes.

Allied planes hammered Serb ground forces Friday, flying 610 sorties over the 24 hours ending at midday. NATO officials said planes flew 234 attack sorties and 74 were aimed at suppressing Yugoslav air defenses.

Targets included ammunition storage sites, a fuel storage site, a headquarters of the Serb special police forces, an airfield and radio stations. The state-run Tanjug news agency said NATO jets fired four missiles Friday afternoon around the Kosovo town of Urosevac, but gave no report of damage or casualties.

Later Tanjug reported that NATO targeted Prizren in southwestern Kosovo, firing a missile on an herbal tea packing plant. A nearby village, Vlasnje, was reportedly struck by six missiles. An air alert sounded in Belgrade shortly before 1 a.m. Saturday, warning of possible new NATO airstrikes.

The Kosovo crisis began in February 1998 when Milosevic sent troops and police to crush the Kosovo Liberation Army, which is fighting for independence. NATO bombing began March 24 after the KLA accepted a Western peace plan but Milosevic's government rejected it.

In the Albanian capital of Tirana, KLA official Jakup Krasniqi said Friday the guerrillas would not fire on departing Serb soldiers — but the rebels would not lay down their arms until a peacekeeping force was in place.

In Belgrade, the Yugoslav leadership attempted to portray its decision to accept the accord in the best possible terms, citing an eventual end to the bombing and the retention of Kosovo within Yugoslavia. In fact, none of the peace formulas rejected by Milosevic before the air campaign would have removed Kosovo from Serbia, which together with Montenegro forms Yugoslavia.

"Two months of our resistance resulted in the fact that Kosovo will stay within Serbia," said a statement by the neo-communist Yugoslav left, which is allied with Milosevic.

Opposition leader Zoran Zivkovic, who is also mayor of the heavily damaged city of Nis, bitterly noted that the Serb parliament refused a better Western peace plan less than three months ago.

"Between the two sessions of the parliament, a few thousand people were killed, the economy is ruined, and the country is devastated," said Zivkovic. "Who is going to pay the price and bear the responsibility?"

Another opposition leader, Zoran Djindjic, called Friday for Milosevic to resign, telling the German television station Phoenix that he would be willing to work with moderate ethnic Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova.

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Judson said he hopes Smith County considers the audit an opportunity for improvement, not an attempt to uncover errors.

"This isn't going to be a 'gotcha' study," he said. "We just want to tell them how they can save money."

Judson said the audit will focus on the four county departments with the largest expense accounts — law enforcement, road and bridge, facilities management and technology.

Johnny Lovejoy, president of a tax and computer consulting firm, will gather county financial documents and analyze them in San Antonio. He'll request budgets, contracts, organization charts and policies.

Lovejoy said he'll write a formal request for each public document, which will require the county to produce it within 10 days.

The judge said the audit comes at a bad time because the county is switching to a new computer system and still converting information. Also, department heads are preparing budget requests for the start of an intense budgeting process that lasts through the summer.

And the sheriff's department and district attorney's office are investigating 14 capital murder cases, he said.

"If they came up here and say they want a whole list of stuff and they want it now, somebody is going to have to do it," Craig said. "That means they'll have to stop working on whatever they're doing."

The judge said he worries the taxpayers' association — which invited the think tank to Tyler — will expect the county to follow every suggestion in the foundation's final report.

"The taxpayers' association will think it's gospel," he said. "They are going to say everything in there is doable."

Association President Jim Plummer said the group invited the public policy foundation to Tyler after hearing about an audit it did in Bexar County. He said the taxpayers' association is not going to control the audit.

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Public Affairs

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Public Affairs is a brief daily listing of governmental and civic meetings. The meetings are open to the public.*

MONDAY, June 7

✔ Whitehouse Independent School District public hearing to discuss future grade alignment, 7 p.m., Higgins Intermediate School.

TUESDAY, June 8

✔ Tyler Airport Advisory Board, 1:30 p.m., Crystal Jet pilots lounge. Board to tour the airport fire station, new terminal and entrance site, American Eagle commuter walk and Historic Aircraft Memorial Foundation site.

✔ Ore City Council, 7 p.m., city hall. Council will discuss a no smoking ordinance for city owned facilities and vehicles.

✔ Winona City Council, special meeting, 6:30 p.m. city hall building. The council will take for information/action a letter of resignation from alderman Christian, appoint alderman to fill unexpired term and consider ordinance regulating parking trucks in city.

✔ Big Sandy City Council, regular session, 6 p.m., Big Sandy Community Center Building. The council will discuss the garage sale ordinance, appoint council member to community development corporation, hear personal complaint from Joseph Montgomery and in executive session, consider resolution for dismissal of police chief.

TYLER CITY COUNCIL TV

✔ Tyler City Council meetings are broadcast 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on local government access cable channel 3. Council regularly meets the first, third and fourth Wednesdays of the month in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

TISD-TV

✔ Tyler ISD board meetings are broadcast at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month on TISD-TV, cable channel 19.

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defects. In Belize, only one hospital exists in the country and it is in the northern portion at Belize City.

Marcus is expected to be in Tyler for at least one month, with his second facial surgery scheduled in the next two to three weeks. Then a third is planned in another year.

All medical work is being donated by two Tyler doctors — Makoto Saigusa, D.M.D. and M.D., and James Holton, D.D.S. and M.S. — and ETMC and its staff.

Friday's surgery became a reality after a trip taken by Dr. Saigusa on a medical missionary trip earlier this year to Belize and Guatemala when 800 Central Americans were treated in one week on a medical missionary trip. Three physicians, five dentists and 15 other medical personnel donated services and time for this trip.

Dr. Saigusa offered to help Marcus at no charge when he met the teen-ager this spring. Others started work on passports and travel arrangements with Dr. David Nichols, of Tyler and D.D.S, who is medical-dental director for Amigos Internacionales, taking the lead.

Dr. Nichols arranged for free round-trip air travel with El Salvadorian International Airline Grupo Taca and Tyler homes for Marcus to live in during recovery periods. He said Marcus, when he recovers from surgical procedures, will be able to see some of Tyler and other areas in East Texas. Marcus will be staying with Sam Wood during the first part of his time in the Rose City.

Although severely handicapped with the cleft lip and palate, Marcus was alert to everything and everyone Friday morning, and was watching TV in his hospital room.

This is a treat for Marcus, who was born Dec. 23, 1982, for his home in southern Belize, in a remote village called Yemeri Grove, does not have electricity nor running water. So Marcus has never seen TV at home, but only at stores in a nearby city.

Marcus, one of eight children, lives in a two-room home where food is prepared on an open fire outside.

He made his first trip out of Belize on Thursday when he flew to Houston.

The shy teen-ager, who plays soccer and basketball, said, "I'm glad to be here." Marcus, who speaks English, said he liked the airplane trip and was looking forward to the surgery.

During the interview with Marcus and Dr. Nichols, nurses and technicians came in to give shots, take blood and complete other medical examinations. Not once did Marcus flinch or change expression as medical personnel did their jobs.

Dr. Nichols said in Belize handicapped individuals have a difficult time because of a lack of job opportunities, "and these surgeries should help Marcus live a more normal life."

The Tyler dentist, who made his first medical missionary trip 23 years ago when Dr. Kerfoot Walker enlisted him to go to Belize, said Marcus has completed eight grades but to continue in high school he will have to pay.

Dr. Nichols, who also teaches the Friendly Bible Sunday School Class at Marvin United Methodist Church, said seven Tyler churches have given more than $5,000 each to help with over-the-counter medicines and hygiene products. He also praised the work of Tyler Rotary Club and Green Acres Baptist Church in the medical missionary work.

He said for those who would like to help Marcus during his stay in Tyler to call his office at 561-7604.

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Stan Laughlin said pilots with the Young Eagles, a group that promotes aviation interest among youths, will offer about 20 free plane rides over the city for kids ages 8 to 17.

Aviation Day gives the airport business community an opportunity to show people what they do, from selling fuel to chartering flights to teaching students how to fly, Dickson said. Some of the work is somewhat unique and highly specialized, such as Tyler Jet's completions center, which refurbishes and customizes private aircraft.

J.W. Finn's Airline Cafe in the airport terminal building will serve free hamburgers and hot dogs from noon to 1:30 p.m., Hahn said.

The event is sponsored by the chamber, city of Tyler, East Texas Medical Center, J.W. Finn's Airline Cafe, Johnson Aviation, Tyler Jet, Crystal Jet and A&S Aviation.

BEGINNINGS

Tyler Pounds Field Airport began as an idea of several Tyler leaders, including World War I Army Air Corps veteran O.C. Palmer. Palmer kept a small biplane in the Bergfeld area and took paying passengers for a bird's-eye view of the city.

The City Commission in 1929 picked Palmer and other citizens for a committee to work with it to obtain a municipal airport.

The city purchased 296 acres on the west side of Dixie Drive in Smith County, and the Tyler airport was born. The airport had 2,500 feet of runway, an underground fuel storage tank and a hanger that would later be moved to the airport's north side and become the hangar at Tyler Aero, recently renamed Crystal Jet.

In 1929 the Tyler City Commission named Palmer the airport manager and the facility opened in 1930. The Tyler City Commission in 1934 approved naming the airport "Rhodes Field" in honor of former Tyler Chamber of Commerce Secretary-Manager Russell Rhodes.

Delta Airlines, already an established airline, began commercial passenger service out of Rhodes Field in 1934, after necessary lighting was installed.

In 1940-42 the airport was expanded, first as a city project and later as a U.S. government project for the Army Air Corps during World War II. It was during this time the city renamed the airport "Pounds Field" after Lt. Jack Pounds, an Army Air Corps pilot killed in combat and son of Tyler Bank and Trust President Abe Pounds.

The Army returned Pounds Field to the city in 1945. In 1946 Delta resumed service and operated out of Tyler until 1957.

A lasting reminder of those days is the Pounds Field terminal, opened in 1949. Members of Tyler city government in the 1990s have said the terminal is outdated, and a firm employed by the city is working on a plan for a new terminal on the airport's west side.

Some information for this article was obtained from reports on the history of Tyler Pounds Field Airport filed in the Airport Manager's Office.

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Amaury Telemaco allowed a solo homer to Juan Gonzalez in the ninth, his 14th, completing a four-hitter.

Notes: Clayton was playing for the first time in five games after straining the back of his right shoulder Saturday. ... Arizona homered three times in an inning for the second time. Fox, Bell and Matt Williams did it May 12 in the ninth inning against Montreal. ... The Rangers' longest winning streak since moving to Texas after the 1971 season was 14 games from May 12-27, 1991. The franchise record of 17 was set by the Washington Senators in 1912. ... The victory was manager Buck Showalter's 400th (400-388). ... Diamondbacks pitching coach Mark Conner was back in the dugout after missing the 1999 season because of kidney stones. Gil Patterson returned to his full-time job as minor league pitching coordinator. ... Kolb, recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma on Wednesday when Mike Morgan went on the disabled list, made his major league debut.

Legislators Want Indigent Defense Bill Signed

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers and legal and civil rights activists Friday urged Gov. George W. Bush to sign a bill that allows counties to decide how to appoint lawyers for poor defendants, a plan which has drawn criticism from judges.

ELLIS: Says poor people don't get proper defense

"It is a fairly modest change to move Texas into the 21st century in better condition than we were in the past," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, sponsor of the measure.

"I am proud to be joined by leaders who have long recognized that poor people get poor representation in Texas," he said.

The bill would allow county commissions to transfer the power of appointing attorneys for poor defendants away from judges.

Counties would have the option to set up public defenders' offices or contract with outside agencies. Rural counties would be allowed to pool resources to create public defender systems.

Counties also could keep the current system of having local judges appoint public defenders.

"This does not require anybody to change anything. If the status quo is working well, keep it," Ellis said. "This is not an indictment of the current system. All it does it put it under the spotlight."

The bill also would require public defenders to be appointed within 20 days after requested by a defendant.

Poor defendants would have to be notified of their right to have a lawyer both orally and written in a language they understand.

Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards said the Republican governor's office has received more than 100 telephone calls and faxes from judges concerned about the bill, most of them urging a veto.

Bush has not yet decided whether to sign the bill, Ms. Edwards said.

According to Ellis, there are more than 500 judges who currently appoint public defenders in state cases, resulting in "hodgepodge" of sometimes ineffective counsel.

Judges opposing the bill believe they can best determine who should serve as a public defender.

"I appoint lawyers who represent indigent clients in my court who are the best and get the job done," said Dallas County Judge Vickers L. Cunningham Sr., president of the Texas Association of County Courts-At-Law Judges.

Dallas County has a public defender's office and judges have the discretion of appointing lawyers from that office or private attorneys.

"I have to have the flexibility to appoint lawyers, as many as I need and as few as I need," Cunningham said.

Granting county commissions the new powers could violate constitutional separation of powers, Cunningham said.

"I have not done my constitutional research, but it begs the question," he said.

Judges also complain they didn't know about the bill even though it was given a public hearing in a Senate committee.

Supporters of the bill at a news conference Friday included representatives of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Texas Civil Rights Project and legal scholars.

Court Rules That Female Attorneys May Not Be Referred To As 'Babe'

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Maryland's second-highest court has ruled that the word "babe" is not to be used in addressing female lawyers during legal proceedings.

The Court of Special Appeals said Thursday the term is derogatory and evidence of gender bias.

The ruling involved a deposition hearing in a 1994 lawsuit by a woman seeking damages from a lawyer she said had given her genital herpes.

As the woman, Betty Sue Aude, left the room, Alan Harris, who represented the defendant, joked that Ms. Aude was going to meet another boyfriend.

Ms. Aude's lawyer, Susan Green, complained about the remark, and asked Harris: "You got a problem with me?"

"No, I don't have a problem with you, babe," Harris said.

"Babe? You called me babe? What generation are you from?" Ms. Green replied.

"At least I didn't call you bimbo," Harris responded, according to court records.

Ms. Green obtained an order prohibiting Harris and his client, who was eventually found to have negligently infected Ms. Aude, not to have contact with Ms. Aude or her family.

Harris was also ordered to pay $1,500 to Ms. Aude's lawyers for time spent seeking the order.

"I've run into gender bias. However, I have never run into a situation where it has been so outrageous, so totally without provocation," Ms. Green said. "Sometimes you've just got to say enough is enough."

Harris, 69, explained: "It's just a way my generation speaks. There was no offense intended, and it certainly was not meant to gain any advantage. It was just in the casual course of conversation."

The appeals court disagreed, ruling that Harris' behavior was a "crass attempt to gain an unfair advantage through the use of demeaning language."

PICK 3
— THE DAILY GAME —

AUSTIN — Here are the winning numbers drawn in the Pick 3, Cash 5 and Texas Million drawings Friday by the Texas Lottery:

PICK 3
7-6-1
(Seven, six, one)

CASH 5
5-16-25-26-31
(Five, sixteen, twenty-five, twenty-six, thirty-one)

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